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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

George E. Craig, Charles S. Bird, Julius Guild.

Assessors.

Charles G. Fogg, Melzar W. Allen, Charles H. Hartshorn.

Town Clerk.

George P. Morey.

Town Treasurer, pro tem.

Frank O. Pilsbury. (Appointed May 10.)

Collector of Taxes.

Horace C. Briggs.

School Committee.

1885.

Vacant, Silas E. Stone, appointed March 21, 1884, for balance of official year.

Vacant, Joseph H. Weeks, appointed March 21, 1884, for balance of official year.

1886.

Vacant, Nathan W. Fisher, appointed March 21, 1884, for balance of official year.

Vacant, Willard I. Lewis, appointed March 21, 1884, for balance of official year.

1887.

Vacant, Robert S. Gray, appointed Aug. 7, 1884, for balance of official year.

Myron H. Piper, term expires, 1887.

Surveyors of Highways.

David Fisher, Edwin Everett, Nathaniel C. Fisher,
Patrick Riordan, Lewis L. Bowker, Richard Morse.

Engineers Fire Department.

Charles Fales, W. K. Churchill, Arthur N. Cram,
Edward E. Adams, David Fisher.

Constables.

Gideon Howe, Joseph Whitehouse, Isaac H. Bullard.

Field-Driver.

Charles Page.

Pound-Keeper.

William Daniels.

Fence-Viewers.

Naaman B. Wilmarth, Nathaniel C. Fisher, Jeremiah Hartshorn.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Percy E. Tisdale, Joseph Whitehouse, Alton N. Clarke.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Frederick A. Hartshorn, Percy E. Tisdale,
Lewis L. Bowker, Daniel P. Bird,
Alton N. Clarke.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Willard I. Lewis.

Trustees of the Public Library.

E. Frank Lewis, term expires 1885. Silas E. Stone, term expires 1886.
Arthur N. Cram, term expires 1885. Mary R. Bird, term expires 1886.
Henry E. Craig, term expires 1887.
Robert S. Gray, term expires 1887.

Undertakers.

Naaman B. Wilmarth, Nathan A. Cobb.

Auditors.

Arthur N. Cram, Charles G. Fogg, John F. Freese.

Registrars of Voters.

James G. Hartshorn, term expires 1885.
Charles J. McPherson, term expires 1886.
William A. Jepson, term expires 1887.
George P. Morey, Town Clerk *ex officio*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

Support of schools	$4,000 00	
Repairs of school-houses . . .	425 00	
Incidentals for schools . . .	300 00	
Repairs of highways	2,000 00	
" " bridges	500 00	
Support of poor at Almshouse . .	1,400 00	
" " out of Almshouse .	2,000 00	
Repairs at Almshouse . . .	500 00	
Fire Department	100 00	
Town Hall	600 00	
Notes and interest	3,000 00	
Public Library	400 00	
Post 157 G.A.R.	100 00	
Town officers	950 00	
Miscellaneous	2,100 00	
State tax	1,640 00	
County tax	801 07	
		$20,816 07

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith present a report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1884; also statements showing the condition of each appropriation on that day; and invite your careful consideration of the same.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Estelle S. Rogers	$30 00	
Amy L. Boyden	400 00	
Jennie H. Brummitt	36 00	
Ida E. Bailey	14 00	
S. E. Bailey	540 00	
Helen R. Stanley	320 00	
E. B. Blake	240 00	
Lena F. Adams	320 00	
E. P. Boyden	220 00	
S. F. Everett	280 00	
W. A. Guild	197 00	
E. H. Holmes	478 75	
Chas. W. Chace	446 00	
Stella L. Battles	211 60	
Annie L. Bird	304 00	
F. H. Pease	165 00	
L. N. Cummings	360 00	
Mabel Sylvester	176 00	
Lizzie P. Bird	96 00	
Ella F. Hartshorn	54 00	
		$4,888 35

CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

E. H. Holmes	$68 75	
W. J. Burgess	140 25	
Fred Neal	57 75	
Mrs. John McGuire	75 25	
W. H. M. Healey	6 00	
Edson C. Boyden	80 30	
David O'Brien	42 25	
Billings Ellis	148 35	
Mrs. B. F. Neal	6 00	
Edwin Everett	3 45	
Mrs. Donovan	8 00	
		$636 35

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Order 58.	C. D. Hartshorn, wood .	$7 50	
59. 425.	Charles Brown, sawing wood	5 60	
67.	W. J. Burgess, sawing wood	2 00	
127. 495.	David Fisher, wood .	12 50	
128. 129. 251. 345.	David Fisher, coal . .	324 94	
142. 390.	David O'Brien, wood .	30 48	
321.	Edwin Evans, wood .	53 00	
487.	N. W. Fisher, wood . .	10 50	
488.	George E. Gay, sawing wood	2 00	
			$448 52

TOWN OF DEDHAM.

Order 563.	Tuition of 11 scholars	$176 00

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 .	$4,061 29	
Income of school fund . . .	192 59	
Appropriation	4,000 00	
Tuition	10 00	
		$8,263 88

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries as per statement .	$4,888 35	
Care of houses " " .	636 35	
Fuel " " .	448 52	
Town of Dedham " " .	176 00	
		6,149 22
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .		$2,114 66

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Order 68.	William Ware & Co. .	$14 40	
190.	Boston School Supply Co.	57 69	
191.	Charles H. Whiting .	13 43	
255.	Oliver Ditson & Co. .	13 50	
328.	D. Appleton & Co. .	46 06	
329.	Leach, Shewell, & Sanborn	19 17	
330.	William Ware & Co. .	153 05	
331.	Boston School Supply Co.	153 00	
332.	Henry A. Dickerman .	15 75	
377.	Winkley, Dresser & Co.	47 57	
381.	Carroll W. Clark . .	25 00	
443.	Boston School Supply Co.	24 36	
475.	F. O. Pilsbury . .	1 50	
477.	E. H. Holmes . .	1 00	
492.	Winkley, Dresser & Co.	11 67	
496.	William Ware & Co. .	7 60	
497.	Boston School Supply Co.	28 78	
			$633 53

INCIDENTALS.

Order	3.	Daniel P. Bird . .	$2 77	
	25.	E. C. Craig & Co. . .	1 70	
	187.	S. E. Bailey . . .	4 72	
	192.	A. G. Whitcomb . .	6 75	
	193.	P. A. Williams & Co. .	4 00	
	250.	H. R. Stanley . .	2 64	
	253.	Thomas Hall . . .	6 00	
	268.	"The Walpole Star" .	6 00	
	333.	J. H. Weeks . . .	11 00	
	380.	"The Walpole Star" .	2 75	
	543.	Plimpton Brothers . .	1 39	
	549.	Chas. H. Billings . .	1 62	
	572.	E. C. Craig & Co. .	8 75	
				$60 09

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 .	$40 37	
Appropriation	300 00	
Sales of books	22 88	
		$363 25

EXPENDITURES.

Books and stationery as per statement,	633 53	
Incidentals " "	60 09	
		693 62
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1884		$330 37

Chapter 103 of the Acts of 1884, approved March 22, 1884, requires the School Committee to furnish, at the expense of the town, text-books and other school supplies to the pupils of the public schools free of charge, which accounts for the above deficiency.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Order	60.	F. N. Gay . . .	$6 30	
	61.	Jesse Gay . . .	1 95	
	62. 530.	Eben Fuller . . .	8 75	
	63. 573.	Porter S. Boyden . .	19 97	
	80.	Magee Furnace Co. .	5 50	
	134.	A. L. Hartshorn . .	15 79	
	194.	L. Boyd . . .	1 25	
	224. 437.	T. A. Barrett . .	117 38	
	249. 473.	M. W. Allen . . .	121 84	
	252.	Bagnal & Loud . .	4 00	
	254.	Charles O. Doe . .	4 45	
	277. 541.	Edson C. Boyden . .	15 40	
	279.	N. W. Fisher . .	5 15	
	360.	W. A. Cleveland . .	2 25	
	438.	B. F. Merrill . . .	3 60	
	440.	John A. Gray . .	30 75	
	478.	E. H. Holmes . .	1 00	
	542.	Myron H. Piper . .	6 58	
	553.	L. D. Gray . . .	13 25	
	596.	D. P. Bird . . .	1 42	
				$386 58

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$425 00

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$82 94	
Sundries as per statement . . .	386 58	
		469 52
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1884		$44 52

A deficiency of $82.94, which existed Dec. 31, 1883, has been reduced to $44.52.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAYS.

Order 169. 247. 429.	Patrick Riordan, Highway Surveyor . . .	$348 35	
170. 430. 486.	N. C. Fisher, Highway Surveyor . . .	388 55	
178. 550.	Richard Morse, Highway Surveyor . . .	298 20	
181. 439.	Edwin Everett, Highway Surveyor . . .	300 00	
183. 435.	David Fisher, Highway Surveyor . . .	450 00	
229. 428.	Lewis L. Bowker, Highway Surveyor . . .	202 56	
231.	Richard Walsh, repairing scraper . .	8 15	
379.	Billings Ellis, repairing scraper . . .	27 00	
			$2,022 81

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation		$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$86 68	
Sundries as per statement . . .	2,022 81	
		2,109 49
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1884		$109 49

$22.81 of this deficiency was caused by charging to the appropriation the expense incurred by repairing scrapers. The balance, $86.68, existed Dec. 31, 1883.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF BRIDGES.

Order 130.	William J. Burges, labor	$2 00	
144. 434.	N.Y. & N.E. R.R., freight . . .	15 10	
154. 393.	Stetson, Moseley & Co., lumber . . .	203 37	
166. 481.	A. L. Hartshorn, carpenter	32 99	
184. 493.	David Fisher, teaming .	8 50	
198.	Winslow's Express, teaming	4 00	
298.	Patrick Riordan, labor .	12 00	
299.	Charles H. Billings, supplies	1 64	
441.	L. D. Gray, labor, etc. .	171 36	
			$450 96

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31 1883. .	$202 05	
Appropriation	500 00	
		$702 05

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	450 96
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$251 09

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

David Fisher, coal	$81 93
Frank O. Pilsbury, medicine . .	35 60
Otis K. Horn, on account salary .	98 00
E. C. Craig & Co., supplies . .	346 10
H. L. Boyden, supplies . . .	10 00
Carried forward,	$571 63

Brought forward,	$571 63	
C. H. Hartshorn, supplies . . .	108 62	
Pennsylvania Coal Co., coal . .	56 06	
E. M. Allen, labor	3 50	
Patrick Dalton, labor . . .	10 25	
D. G. & G. C. Willard, teaming, etc.	20 00	
John Early, clothing	9 00	
W. A. Merrill, repairing boots . .	2 00	
N. B. Wilmarth, undertaker . .	25 75	
H. N. Shepardson, shoes . . .	4 75	
George H. Kingsbury, wood, etc. .	18 76	
James G. Scott, milk . . .	6 00	
L. H. Plimpton, M.D. . . .	10 00	
S. E. Stone, M.D.	37 50	
Fisher Guild, supplies . . .	41 21	
M. W. Allen, labor, etc. . . .	5 78	
C. M. Gowing, salary to date . .	300 00	
		$1,230 81

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$1,400 00	
Otis K. Horn, sales of produce . .	4 83	
C. M. Gowing, " . .	44 50	
O. J. Young, " . .	12 00	
		$1,461 33

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	1,230 81
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$230 52

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Lucy Hunt: —		
To paid David Fisher . . .	$11 50	
" E. C. Craig & Co. . .	64 65	
		$76 15
Carried forward,		$76 15

Brought forward,		$76 15
Ira Frizell: —		
To paid David Fisher . . .	$15 00	
" Ira Fisher	10 00	
" E. C. Craig & Co. . .	55 57	
" C. W. Clapp . . .	36 00	
" George E. Gay . . .	11 00	
		127 57
Henry E. Jackson: —		
To paid E. E. Jackson		104 54
Mrs. John Delaney: —		
To paid David Fisher . . .	$14 27	
" E. C. Craig & Co. . .	77 77	
		92 04
David McKew: —		
To paid E. C. Craig & Co. . .	$34 00	
" S. E. Stone, M.D. . .	7 50	
		41 50
John Coughlin: —		
To paid John Garby . . .	$40 00	
" Mrs. S. Reed . . .	6 00	
		46 00
Mary J. Carey: —		
To paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital . .		177 03
Patrick Reeves: —		
To paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital . .		157 77
Timothy J. Donovan: —		
To paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . .		187 09
Sarah Handon: —		
To paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . .		183 24
Bridget Mahoney: —		
To paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . .		185 35
Mrs. John Patch: —		
To paid H. L. Boyden		19 50
Mrs. Mary A. Clarkin: —		
To paid H. L. Boyden . . .	$19 50	
" aid	58 50	
		78 00
Carried forward,		$1,475 78

Brought forward,		$1,475 78
Mrs. Thompson: —		
To paid E. E. Jackson		77 12
George Clark: —		
To paid City of Lowell . . .	$87 00	
" A. P. Sawyer . . .	15 00	
		102 00
Elbridge Billings: —		
To paid City of Boston		9 43
Bridget Kivlin: —		
To paid Town of Hyde Park . .	$24 50	
" City of Boston . . .	5 58	
		30 08
Mrs. Mary Keefe: —		
To paid Beeri Clark . . .	$21 00	
" E. C. Craig & Co. . .	24 00	
		45 00
Julia A. Duffy: —		
To paid City of Boston		72 00
Town of Weymouth: —		
To paid Nancy Carnes		49 77
City of Taunton: —		
To paid William Stone		12 70
Town of Franklin: —		
To paid Charles C. Greene		143 84
Town of Holbrook: —		
To paid D. W. Hobart		13 00
Town of Foxboro: —		
To paid Ernest Post		40 50
		$2,071 22
Due from Town of Weymouth . .	$49 77	
" City of Taunton . . .	5 00	
" Town of Holbrook . .	13 00	
" " Foxboro . .	40 50	
	$108 27	

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$2,000 00	
Town of Franklin	278 71	
" Weymouth	47 36	
" Hopkinton	49 50	
City of Boston	10 00	
" Taunton	7 70	
		$2,393 27

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement . . .	$2,071 22	
Asa Bowditch, State aid . . .	8 00	
		2,079 22
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .		$314 05

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Order 157.	Charles L. Gray . .	$5 75	
189.	" " " . .	2 50	
203.	Jesse Gay . . .	70 79	
226.	E. C. Craig & Co. . .	12 10	
394.	John A. Gray . .	5 25	
			$96 39

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	96 39
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$403 61

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF STATE AID.

Asa Bowditch, Acts 1879, Ch. 252 .	$16 00	
Ann Clinton, " " " 301 .	8 00	
E. E. Jackson, " " " " .	48 00	
Mary Driscoll, " " " " .	24 00	
		$96 00

RECEIPTS.

State Treasurer	$147 00	
Charged support of poor out of almshouse	8 00	
		$155 00

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$147 00	
Sundries as per statement, one-half to be reimbursed by the State . .	16 00	
Sundries as per statement to be reimbursed by the State . . .	80 00	
		243 00
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	. .	$88 00
Due from the State, Acts 1879, Ch. 252	$8 00	
" " " " " " " 301	80 00	
	$88 00	

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Order	1.	Gideon Howe . . .	$2 00
	47.	Nathaniel Tufts . .	25 80
	64.	A. L. Hartshorn . .	1 75
	101.	E. C. Bacon . . .	4 75
	174.	Joseph Cogan . .	15 15
	176.	A. L. Hartshorn . .	53 00
	182.	William Hall . . .	6 35
	270.	F. O. Pilsbury . .	50
	283.	E. C. Craig & Co. . .	5 76
	297.	Josiah Gates & Sons .	4 83
	325.	Frank N. Gay . .	3 45
	374.	Billings Ellis . . .	20 50
	384.	F. O. Pillsbury . .	75
	422.	Helen E. Clapp . .	15 00
Carried forward,			$159 59

Brought forward,		$159 59	
528.	Helen E. Clapp . .	5 00	
594.	Billings Ellis . . .	20 25	
595.	D. P. Bird . . .	11 88	
601.	Tiger Engine Co. . .	72 00	
603.	Neponset Hook & Ladder Co. . . .	58 00	
604.	Spring Brook Hose Co. .	49 65	
			$376 37

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 .	$61 63	
Appropriation	100 00	
" additional . . .	250 00	
		$411 63

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	376 37
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$35 26

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN HALL.

Order	2.	Warren Boyden, insurance on piano . . .	$14 00
	40.	N.Y. & N.E. R.R., freight . . .	1 15
	69.	Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline . .	43 47
	143.	N.Y. & N.E. R.R., freight . . .	1 44
	172.	Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline . .	47 02
	197.	Winslow's Express, teaming	2 55
	236.	Chickering & Sons, tuning piano	5 50
Carried forward,			$115 13

Brought forward,		$115 13	
386.	Pennsylvania Coal Co., coal	93 51	
387.	George H. Kingsbury, carting coal . .	9 43	
433.	George H. Kingsbury, wood	5 00	
442.	N. B. Wilmarth, janitor, to Oct. 1 . . .	117 50	
480.	E. C. Craig & Co., sundries	4 54	
485.	N.Y. & N.E. R.R., freight . . .	60	
489.	Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline . .	20 80	
529.	N. B. Wilmarth, janitor, to Dec. 31 . . .	50 00	
544.	Winslow's Express, teaming	2 90	
556.	William Wood, carpenter,	30 75	
			$450 16

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$600 00	
Rent of hall	242 00	
		$842 00

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$345 20	
Sundries, as per statement . . .	450 16	
		795 36
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .		$46 64

A deficiency of $345.20, which existed Dec. 31, 1883, is charged to the appropriation for 1884.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF NOTES AND INTEREST.

Order 79.	Interest on town notes .	$280 00	
204.	" " .	100 00	
227.	" temporary loan,	112 50	
303.	" town notes .	280 00	
304.	Town note . . .	2,000 00	
343.	Interest on town notes .	100 00	
368.	" temporary loan,	18 00	
			$2,890 50

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$3,000 00	
Interests on deposits	60 09	
		$3,060 09

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$10 23	
Sundries, as per statement . . .	2,890 50	
		2,900 73
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .		$159 36

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF TEMPORARY LOANS.

RECEIPTS.

Brewster, Cobb, & Estabrook . .	$5,000 00	
" " " . .	2,000 00	
		$7,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Order 444.	Daniel A. Gleason, State Treasurer . . .	$5,000 00	
519.	Suffolk Savings Bank .	2,000 00	
			$7,000 00

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Order 228.	Henry E. Craig, treasurer,	$250 00	
290.	" " "	125 00	
426.	" " "	244 69	
			$619 69

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$400 00	
Dog tax	219 69	
		$619 69

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	$619 69

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF NEW ROAD.

Order 219.	Roger Cunningham . .	$4 50	
389.	" " . .	48 30	
482.	John Lowney . .	1 25	
			$54 05

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$109 02

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	$54 05
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$54 97

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF POLICE.

Order 45.	H. C. Briggs . . .	$5 00	
382.	Gideon Howe . . .	50 00	
545.	E. Winslow . . .	3 00	
567.	John S. McAdoo . .	28 38	
580.	Gideon Howe . .	16 00	
			$102 38

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 . . .	$322 60
Carried forward,	$322 60

Brought forward,	$322 60

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	102 38
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$220 22

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF POST 157 G.A.R.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$100 00

EXPENDITURE.

Order 217. Nathan W. Fisher, Quarter-master .	$100 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF STATE TAX.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$1,640 00

EXPENDITURES.

Order 474. State Treasurer.	$1,640 00

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Order 205.	Samuel Allen, Town Treasurer, to June 1 .	$10 00
536.	J. H. Weeks, School Committee, to Dec. 31	50 00
537.	Myron H. Piper, School Committee, to Dec. 31,	25 00
538.	W. I. Lewis, School Committee, to Dec. 31 .	25 00
539.	Nathan W. Fisher, School Committee, to Dec. 31.	25 00
Carried forward,		$135 00

Brought forward,		$135 00	
546.	Melzar W. Allen, Assessor, to March 1, 1885 .	50 00	
547.	C. H. Hartshorn, Assessor, to March 1, 1885 .	50 00	
554.	Charles G. Fogg, Assessor, to March 1, 1885 .	50 00	
559.	F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treasurer, *pro tem.*, to March 1, 1885 . .	37 50	
576.	George E. Craig, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1885 . . .	100 00	
577.	Charles S. Bird, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1885 . . .	100 00	
578.	Julius Guild, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1885,	100 00	
582.	George P. Morey, Registrar, to March 1, 1885,	25 00	
583.	James G. Hartshorn, Registrar, to March 1, 1885,	10 00	
584.	Charles J. McPherson, Registrar, to March 1, 1885	10 00	
585.	W. A. Jepson, Registrar, to March 1, 1885 .	10 00	
586.	Charles G. Fogg, Auditor, to March 1, 1885 .	10 00	
587.	Arthur N. Cram, Auditor, to March 1, 1885 .	10 00	
588.	John F. Freese, Auditor, to March 1, 1885 .	10 00	
589.	George P. Morey, Town Clerk, to March 1, 1885	50 00	
			$757 50

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	$950 00

EXPENDITURES.

Sundries as per statement	757 50
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .	$192 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS, 1881, 1882 and 1883.

Order	4.	D. P. Bird, supplies for Almhouse, 1883 . .	$4 55
	5.	N. A. Cobb, returning deaths, 1883 . .	1 75
	6.	M. W. Allen, labor, etc., at Almhouse, 1883 .	1 30
	9.	Geo. P. Morey, Town Clerk 1883 . . .	50 00
	10.	Geo. P. Morey, registering births, deaths and marriages, 1883 . .	46 00
	11.	Geo. P. Morey, canvassing votes, 1883 . .	5 00
	12.	Geo. P. Morey, postage, 1883	2 25
	13.	Porter S. Boyden, labor, etc., 1882 . . .	8 01
	15.	David O'Brien, removing snow, 1883 . .	5 62
	17.	E. C. Craig & Co., screen, 1883	8 00
	27.	E. C. Craig & Co., Town Hall, 1883 . . .	1 35
	39.	Samuel Allen, Town Treasurer, 1883 . .	50 00
	Carried forward,		$183 83

Brought forward,		$183 83
41.	S. E. Stone, M.D., returning births, 1883 .	6 75
42.	N. F. Safford, services, 1883	65 00
42.	Edmund Polleys, collecting taxes, 1881 . .	284 10
43.	Edmund Polleys, abatment taxes, 1881 .	125 33
44.	Jas. G. Hartshorn, School Committee, 1883 .	60 00
46.	Henry E. Craig, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1883,	150 00
55.	E. E. Jackson, board of Mrs. Thompson, 1883,	16 00
57.	City of Boston, Julia A. Duffy, 1883 . .	72 00
71.	Ann Clinton, State aid, 1883	4 00
76.	Samuel Allen, School Committee, 1882 and 1883,	50 00
77.	Francis J. Marsh, School Committee, 1883 .	60 00
87.	Moses R. Power, School Committee, 1883 .	60 00
98.	E. P. Boyden, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, 1883 . .	45 00
132.	S. G. Fuller, removing snow, 1883 . .	4 13
155.	J.G.Scott, Assessor, 1882,	125 00
155.	J. G. Scott, Assessor, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, 1883 .	350 00
155.	J. G. Scott, Town Hall (services) 1883 . .	39 40
Carried forward,		$1,700 54

Brought forward,		$1,700 54	
155.	J. G. Scott, blank book, etc., 1883 . . .	3 77	
155.	J. G. Scott, Town Hall (sundries), 1883 .	2 40	
155.	J. G. Scott, expense (sundries), 1883 .	8 00	
156.	J. G. Scott, enrolment of children, 1882 and 1883	20 00	
220.	S. E. Bailey, School Committee, 1883 . .	60 00	
276.	L. H. Plimpton, M. D., returning births, 1883,	1 50	
442.	N. B. Wilmarth, care Town Hall, 1883 .	37 50	
471.	Edmund Polleys, abatment taxes, 1882 .	249 42	
472.	Edmund Polleys, abatment taxes, 1883 .	233 74	
498.	Edmund Polleys, collecting taxes, 1882 . .	298 27	
499.	Edmund Polleys, collecting taxes, 1883 . .	298 42	
597.	N. B. Wilmarth, returning deaths, 1883 .	7 00	
			$2,920 56

PRINTING AND STATIONERY, 1884.

Order 7.	H. H. McQuillen, printing voting-lists . .	$10 00	
14.	"Walpole Star," printing warrants . . .	9 00	
26.	E. C. Craig & Co., stationery	57	
38.	"Walpole Star," 600 Town Reports . . .	60 00	
Carried forward,		$79 57	

Brought forward,		$79 57	
78.	Rockwell & Churchill, 512 School Committee Reports . . .	29 75	
153.	Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . . .	16 62	
173.	"Walpole Star," Assessor's notices . .	12 50	
175.	M. J. Kiley, tickets, billheads, etc. . . .	11 25	
218.	Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . . .	12 00	
262.	Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . . .	17 00	
302.	Rockwell & Churchill, tax bills . . .	8 00	
335.	Henry B. Pierce, Register of voters . .	1 80	
372.	Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery . . .	13 03	
375.	"Walpole Star," voting-lists, etc. . . .	14 15	
392.	"Walpole Star," postal cards . . .	5 50	
552.	Chas. G. Fogg . .	3 87	
564.	M. J. Kiley . . .	10 00	
			$235 04

REMOVING SNOW, 1884.

Order 84.	David O'Brien . .	$3 83	
131.	Patrick Riordan . .	3 97	
			$7 80

DISCOUNT ON TAXES, 1884.

Order 592.	H. C. Briggs, Collector . . .	$940 03

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1884.

Order 593.	H. C. Briggs, Collector . . .	$202 75

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS, 1884.

Order	45.	H. C. Briggs, posting warrant . . .	$3 80	
	206.	Samuel Allen . .	63 80	
	209.	George E. Craig, sundry expenses . . .	5 72	
	280.	W. Preble, M.D. . .	3 00	
	281.	H. E. Bonney, common fence	9 32	
	300.	F. D. Ely *et al.*, inquest,	74 18	
	301.	Town of Norfolk, taxes .	2 02	
	336.	F. D. Ely *et al.*, inquest,	64 58	
	395.	Geo. P. Morey, insurance,	60 00	
	483.	Henry E. Fales, services,	10 00	
	490.	Isaac H. Bullard, constable	3 00	
	532.	Joseph Whitehouse, constable, etc. . . .	8 00	
	533.	James P. Tisdale, appraiser . . .	2 00	
	534.	Warren Hartshorn, appraiser . . .	2 00	
	535.	Nathan A. Cobb, returning deaths . . .	75	
	555.	S. E. Stone, M.D., returning births . .	2 75	
	575.	Geo. P. Morey, insurance,	15 00	
	579.	Gideon Howe, constable,	31 90	
	598.	N. B. Wilmarth, returning deaths . . .	8 00	
	599.	George E. Craig, sundry expenses . . .	14 97	
	600.	John R. Bullard, services,	35 00	
	605.	L. H. Plimpton, M.D., returning births . . .	1 25	
	606.	George P. Morey, Town Clerk, expenses, fees .	56 50	
				$477 54

RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1883 .	$3,208 12	
Appropriation	2,100 00	
State Treasurer, corporation tax .	56 04	
F. O. Pilsbury, license . . .	1 00	
N. B. Wilmarth, lock . . .	75	
D. H. Murphy, license . . .	8 00	
State Treasurer, corporation tax .	443 83	
National Bank tax	619 80	
Samuel Allen	63 80	
		$6,501 34

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills, 1881, 1882, and 1883	$2,920 56	
Printing and stationery, 1884 . .	235 04	
Removing snow, 1884 . . .	7 80	
Discount on taxes, 1884 . . .	940 03	
Abatement of taxes, 1884 . . .	202 75	
Miscellaneous Bills, " . . .	477 54	
		$4,783 72
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1884 . . .		$1,717 62

RECAPITULATION.

Total payments for: —		
Teachers' salaries	$4,888 35	
Care of school-houses . . .	636 35	
Fuel for schools	448 52	
Town of Dedham	176 00	
		$6,149 22
Books and Stationery . . .	$633 53	
Incidentals	60 09	
		693 62
Carried forward		$6,842 84

Brought forward,	$6,842 84
Repairs of school-houses	386 58
" highways	2,022 81
" bridges	450 96
Poor at Almshouse	1,230 81
Poor out of Almshouse	2,071 22
Repairs at Almshouse	96 39
State aid	96 00
Fire Department	376 37
Care of Town Hall	450 16
Notes and interest	2,890 50
Temporary loans	7,000 00
Public Library	619 69
New road	54 05
Police	102 38
Post 157, G.A.R.	100 00
State tax	1,640 00
Town officers	757 50
Miscellaneous bills, 1881, 1882, and 1883	2,920 56
Printing and stationery	235 04
Removing snow	7 80
Discount on taxes, 1884	940 03
Abatement of " "	202 75
Miscellaneous bills "	477 54
Total amount of orders drawn	$31,959 15

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN DEC. 31, 1884.

ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury	$3,365 05
Due for taxes, 1884	2,021 73
from State	88 00
" Town of Weymouth	49 77
" City of Taunton	5 00
Carried forward,	$5,529 55

Brought forward,	$5,529 55	
Due from Town of Holbrook . .	13 00	
" " " Foxboro . .	40 50	
" " Appropriation for repairs of school-houses	44 52	
Due from appropriation for incidentals for schools	330 37	
Due from appropriation for repairs of highways	109 49	
		$6,067 43

LIABILITIES.

Due appropriation for support of schools	$2,114 66	
Due appropriation for repairs of bridges	251 09	
Due appropriation for support of poor in Almshouse	230 52	
Due appropriation for support of poor out of Almshouse	314 05	
Due appropriation for repairs of Almshouse	403 61	
Due appropriation for Fire Department	35 26	
Due appropriation for Town Hall .	46 64	
Due appropriation for notes and interest	159 36	
Due appropriation for repairs of new road	54 97	
Due appropriation for police . .	220 22	
" " " town officers .	192 50	
Due appropriation for miscellaneous .	1,717 62	
Due appropriation East school-house .	500 00	
Due appropriation Town Records .	50 00	
Due under Susan Capen will . .	100 00	
		$6,390 50
Excess of liabilities		$323 07

The following is a memorandum of indebtedness on account of Town Hall notes, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per

annum, payable semi-annually; principal and interest payable at the Maverick National Bank, Boston: —

Note due Sept. 1, 1885 . . .	$2,000 00	
" " " 1886 . . .	2,000 00	
" " " 1887 . . .	2,000 00	
" " " 1888 . . .	2,000 00	
" " " 1889 . . .	2,000 00	
" " " 1890 . . .	2,000 00	
" " April 1, 1891 . . .	5,000 00	
		$17,000 00

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1885.

Support of schools, unexpended balance, income of school fund, and .	$4,500 00
Supplies and incidentals for schools .	1,000 00
Repairs of school-houses . . .	500 00
" highways	2,250 00
" bridges, unexpended balance, and	250 00
Support of poor at Almshouse, unexpended balance, receipts, and .	1,200 00
Support of poor out of Almshouse, unexpended balance, receipts, and .	1,650 00
Repairs at Almshouse, unexpended balance	
State aid, receipts	
Fire Department, unexpended balance, and	350 00
Town Hall, unexpended balance, receipts, and	250 00
Notes and interest, unexpended balance, receipts, and	2,650 00
Public Library, Dog Tax, and . .	300 00
Post 157, G.A.R.	100 00
Carried forward,	$15,000 00

Brought forward,	$15,000 00	
Town officers, unexpended balance, and	700 00	
Police, unexpended balance.		
Printing and stationery . . .	250 00	
Miscellaneous, unexpended balance, receipts, and	425 00	
State Tax, amount assessed		
County " "		
		$16,375 00

We have presented, in the foregoing pages, our report of the expenditures of the town for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1884. All claims against the town for supplies furnished or services rendered have been paid in full, except one of three hundred dollars of Horace C. Briggs, Collector, which will not be due until he has completed the collection of the taxes committed to him.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

WALPOLE, Mass., Feb. 9, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched.

A. N. CRAM,
CHAS. G. FOGG,
J. F. FREESE,
} *Auditors for 1884.*

LIST OF JURORS

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Allen, Samuel,
Adams, Edward E.,
Bentley, Francis,
Bird, Samuel,
Bowker, Lewis L.,
Boyden, Harvey L.,
Boyden, Elbridge P.,
Booth, Charles A.,
Clark, Alfred,
Everett, Daniel E.,
Everett, Edmund,
Fisher, Ira,
Fisher, Nathan W.,
Freese, William E.,
Fuller, Samuel,
Gay, Ollice,
Gould, Charles,
Guild, George A.,
Guild, Frederic,
Leland, James H.,
Lewis, Harrison N.,
Mahoney, William,
Morse, Richard,
O'Brion, John P.,
Pickering, Howard A.,
Pilsbury, Frank O.,
Plimpton, Henry P.,
Scott, James G.,
Smith, Henry W.,
Tisdale, Percy E.,
Turner, Daniel,
Whitehouse, Joseph,
Winslow, Emmons N.

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount of personal property at Almshouse		$455 50	
Amount paid for supplies, medical attendance, and salary of Superintendent .		1,230 81	
			$1,686 31
Dec. 31.	Amount of personal property at Almshouse	$535 50	
	Amount received for produce sold	61 33	
			596 83
	Net cost		$1,089 48

INMATES DURING THE YEAR.

Warren Manter,	(deceased)	9	weeks		
Albert Cutter,	"	15	"	5	days.
Lavinia Andrews,		52	"		
John E. Grant,		52	"		
Elvira B. Grant,		52	"		
Asa Frizell,		52	"		
Rachel Patch,		37	"	2	"
Mary Keefe,	(removed)	2	"	5	"
Elizabeth Thompson,		12	"	5	"
		285		3	

913 lodgers.

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Amount paid		$2,079 22
Due from Town of Weymouth . . .	$49 77	
City of Taunton . . .	5 00	
Town of Holbrook . . .	13 00	
Town of Foxboro' . . .	40 50	
		108 27
Net cost		$1,970 95

The Almshouse is under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Gowing, who have performed their duties, as master and matron, satisfactorily to the Overseers. Comparatively little help has been received from the inmates, while the condition of some of them has made necessary a large amount of extra care, and unpleasant labor. The work in the house has been done in a quiet, neat, and orderly manner, the inmates well cared for, and made as comfortable as the circumstances would permit. Both in-doors and out economy has been practised, and the interests of the town looked after as well as the comfort of the inmates. The number of inmates at the commencement of the year was six, and at the close six; three were admitted during the year, one removed, and two died, namely: Warren Manter, aged 49, and Albert Cutter, aged 79. The cash payments for the year above receipts were $1,089.48. The average number of inmates gives 285$\frac{3}{7}$ weeks for one person, making the cost $3.82 per week for each inmate. The amount expended the past year, for support of poor out of the Almshouse, not including the insane, was $1,180.74. Included in the above are charges to other towns and cities for the support of their paupers living in Walpole, amounting to $259.81, which has been paid, or will be, into the town treasury. The cost of the support of insane has been $890.48. The number of insane dependents has been five, who are now in the hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Overseers of the Poor of Walpole.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT OF TAXES, 1881.

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector, in account with Town of Walpole.*

1884.			
		Dr.	
Jan.	1.	To uncollected taxes as per last report	$209 36
		Cr.	
Feb.	6.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer	209 36

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector.*

WALPOLE, March 1, 1884.

Examined and approved.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT OF TAXES, 1882.

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector, in account with Town of Walpole.*

1884.			
	Dr.		
Jan. 1.	To uncollected taxes, as per last report . . .	$1,789 43	
	To reassessed taxes . .	12 16	
	To interest . . .	2 98	
			$1,804 57
	Cr.		
Feb. 6.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	$65 64	
Mar. 3.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	64 51	
Mar. 15.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	109 70	
Mar. 21.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	150 22	
Mar. 31.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	590 37	
Apr. 8.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	180 75	
Apr. 23.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . . .	213 00	
June 3.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* .	130 57	
Dec. 8.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* .	299 81	
			$1,804 57

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector.*

WALPOLE, Dec. 10, 1884.

Examined and approved: —

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT OF TAXES, 1883.

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector, in account with Town of Walpole.*

1884.				
		Dr.		
Jan. 1.	To uncollected taxes as per last report . . .		$3,800 80	
	" reassessed taxes . .		54 46	
	" interest		62 41	
				$3,917 67
		Cr.		
Feb. 6.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		$150 33	
Mar. 3.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		220 49	
" 15.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		542 56	
" 21.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		520 21	
" 31.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		146 78	
Apr. 8.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		259 46	
" 23.	By cash paid Samuel Allen, Treasurer . .		137 00	
June 3.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* .		395 18	
Aug. 30.	By cash paid T. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* .		407 62	
	Carried forward,		$2,779 63	

	Brought forward,	$2,779 63	
Sept. 12.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	202 69	
Dec. 8.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . . .	633 74	
" 18.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	301 61	
			$3,917 67

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND POLLEYS, *Collector.*

WALPOLE, Dec. 20, 1884.

Examined and approved: —

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT OF TAXES, 1884.

HORACE C. BRIGGS, *Collector, in account with Town of Walpole.*

1884.	*Dr.*		
To amount of taxes for 1884 committed for collection		$20,755 52	
To accrued interest on uncollected taxes		10 06	
			$20,765 58

		Cr.	
Sept. 5.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	$65 00	
8.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	75 00	
11.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00	
12.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	160 00	
20.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	300 00	
24.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	100 00	
29.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	100 00	
Oct. 10.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	300 00	
27.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00	
Carried forward,		$1,500 00	

		Brought forward,	$1,500 00
Oct.	30.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	250 00
Nov.	5.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	800 00
	13.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	400 00
	18.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	450 00
	21.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	250 00
	22.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	350 00
	25.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	1,000 00
	26.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	1,000 00
	28.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	2,800 00
	29.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	1,000 00
Dec.	1.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	3,700 00
	2.	By cash paid C. C. Churchhill, County Tax . .	801 07
	2.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	700 00
	10.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00
	15.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00
	18.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00
	22.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	200 00
	31.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Treasurer *pro tem.* . .	2,942 78
		Carried forward,	$18,743 85

Brought forward,		$18,743 85	
Dec. 31.	By amount of uncollected taxes	2,021 73	
			$20,765 58

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. BRIGGS, *Collector.*

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1884.

Examined and approved: —

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF WALPOLE IN ACCOUNT WITH SAMUEL ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

1884.		*Dr.*		
May	29.	Paid Selectmen's orders to date	$6,308 47	
Mar.	1.	Paid H. C. Briggs, services police . . .	5 00	
	31.	Paid Maverick Bank, interest on note . .	100 00	
				$6,413 47
		Cr.		
Jan.	1.	By balance from old account . . .	$1,920 58	
	16.	By cash received from Town of Franklin .	156 00	
	24.	By cash received from Town of Hopkinton .	49 50	
	25.	By cash received from County Treasurer .	219 69	
	30.	By cash received from State Treasurer . .	56 04	
	30.	By cash received from State Treasurer . .	192 59	
	31.	By cash received from Town of Weymouth .	47 36	
Feb.	6.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1881 . .	209 36	
	6.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	65 64	
Carried forward,			$2,916 76	

		Brought forward,	$2,916 76
	6.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	150 33
	18.	By cash received from City of Boston . .	10 00
Mar.	3.	By cash received from J. G. Scott, rent of hall,	75 00
	3.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	64 51
	3.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	220 49
	15.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	109 70
	15.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	542 56
	21.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	150 22
	21.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	520 21
	31.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	590 37
	31.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	146 78
April	8.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	180 75
	8.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	259 46
		Carried forward,	$5,937 14

		Brought forward, .	$5,937 14	
	8.	By cash received from Maverick Nat'l Bank, interest . . .	7 39	
	9.	By cash received from School Committee .	5 00	
	15.	By cash received from Town of Franklin .	25 71	
	23.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1882 . .	213 00	
	23.	By cash received from E. Polleys, Collector of Taxes, 1883 . .	137 00	
May	1.	By cash received from F. O. Pilsbury . .	1 00	
	1.	By cash received from Maverick Nat'l Bank, interest . . .	2 95	
	6.	By cash received from City of Taunton . .	7 70	
	14.	By cash received from School Committee .	9 03	
	16.	By cash received from Sumner Bagley . .	3 00	
	16.	By cash received from N. B. Wilmarth . .	75	
	29.	By balance due the Treasurer	63 80	
				$6,413 47

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ALLEN,
Treasurer.

WALPOLE, May 29, 1884.

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of Samuel Allen, Treasurer, with the Town of Walpole, and find them correct and properly vouched. Also find the amount of $63.80, due him, to be correct.

ARTHUR N. CRAM,
JOHN F. FREESE,
Auditors.

F. O. PILSBURY, TREASURER PRO TEM., IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WALPOLE.

1884.	*Dr.*	
May 29.	To Brewster, Cobb, & Estabrook for Treasurer's note at 6 months,	$5,000 00
June 3.	Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1882,	130 57
3.	Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1883,	395 18
9.	D. H. Murphy, Foxboro', for license to peddle boots and shoes . . .	8 00
17.	Annie Tracy, Norfolk, tuition for one school term . . .	5 00
26.	School Committee, sale of books . . .	10 85
July 11.	Maverick National Bank, for interest on deposits for May .	1 97
	Maverick National Bank, for interest on deposits in June .	9 93
16.	George E. Craig, for rent of Town Hall .	105 00
Carried forward,		$5,666 50

Brought forward,		$5,666 50
Aug. 1.	To Maverick Nat'l Bank, for interest on deposits for July . .	7 39
30.	Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1883,	407 62
Sept. 1.	Maverick Nat'l Bank, for interest on deposits for August . .	6 41
5.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	65 00
8.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	75 00
11.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00
12.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	362 69
20.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	300 00
24.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	100 00
29.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	100 00
Oct. 1.	Maverick Nat'l Bank, for interest on deposits for September .	2 13
6.	Brewster, Cobb, & Estabrook, for Treasurer's note, 3 months .	2,000 00
10.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	300 00
27.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00
30.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	250 00
Nov. 1.	Maverick Nat'l Bank, for interest on deposits for October . .	3 94
Carried forward,		$10,046 68

Brought forward,			$10,046 68
	5.	To H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	800 00
	13.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	400 00
	18.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	450 00
	21.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	250 00
	22.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	350 00
	25.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	1,000 00
	26.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	1,000 00
	28.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	2,800 00
	29.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	1,000 00
Dec.	1.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	3,700 00
	1.	Maverick Nat'l Bank, for interest on deposits for November .	5 17
	1.	State Treasurer, corporation tax . .	443 83
	1.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax .	619 80
	1.	State Treasurer, State Aid, Acts 1879, Ch. 252	48 00
	1.	State Treasurer, State Aid, Acts 1879, Ch. 301. . . .	99 00
	2.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	700 00
	8.	Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1882,	299 81
Carried forward,			$24,012 29

	Brought forward,	$24,012 29	
Dec. 8.	To Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1883	633 74	
10.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00	
15.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00	
18.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00	
18.	Edmund Polleys, Collector, taxes for 1883,	301 61	
22.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	200 00	
31.	H. C. Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1884 . .	2,942 78	
31.	O. J. Young, for standing grass on meadow owned by town in Norfolk	12 00	
31.	C. M. Gowing, sales of produce at Almshouse,	36 50	
31.	Town of Franklin for aid to Charles C. Green,	97 00	
31.	George E. Craig, for rent of Town Hall .	62 00	
31.	Maverick National Bank for interest on deposits for December,	12 81	
			$28,910 73

Cr.

By amount paid out on Selectmen's orders	$25,545 68	
Balance to new account . . .	3,365 05	
		$28,910 73

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. PILSBURY,

Treasurer pro tem.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR 1884.

VALUATION OF TOWN MAY 1, 1884.

Assessed value of personal estate .	$306,466 00	
" " " real estate . .	1,239,736 00	
Total valuation		$1,546,202 00

Total tax	$20,755 52
Rate of taxation on $1,000	$12 50
Number of polls, male	711
" " female	12
Number of acres of land taxed	12,469
" " dwelling-houses	485
" " horses	358
" " cows	426

TAXES ABATED.

Whole amount for year 1882 . .	$249 42	
" " " 1883 . .	158 15	
" " " 1884 . .	202 75	
		$610 32

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
CHARLES G. FOGG,
M. W. ALLEN,
Assessors of Walpole.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WALPOLE, Jan. 1, 1885.

For the Library year ending Dec. 31, 1884, the Trustees find themselves able to present the following, which, though brief, is all that seems necessary, inasmuch as there has been no material change in the minor details of running the Library, previous experiments having demonstrated the present method to be for the best interests of its patrons.

The books circulated have been in the following proportions for the past year: Volumes issued, 19,273; fiction, 69 per cent.; magazines, 14 per cent.; all others, 17 per cent; these percentages being nearly the same as in 1883, and are considered a favorable showing, as the average per cent. of fiction issued from Public Libraries in general, as mentioned in last year's report, is about 74 per cent.

There has been a decrease of fiction — since 1879 — in books issued from the Library, of 7 per cent.

The number of volumes in the Library, now in circulation, is 3,262; pamphlets, 52; different books of reference, 15; catalogues of other libraries, 28; official documents, 651. There have been 371 volumes (366 by purchase) added to the Library this year, exclusive of pamphlets and public documents; of these, twenty replaced worn-out books; 161 were fiction.

Fifteen magazines have been taken, as follows: —

2 Copies Harper's, 2 Century, 2 St. Nicholas, 2 Wide Awake, 1 Atlantic, 1 North American Review, 1 Popular Science Monthly, 1 Literary World, 1 Harper's Young People, 1 Littell's Living Age, 1 Edinburgh Review. The last three have been added this year. Books have been purchased at four times this year; next year it is hoped they may be purchased more frequently.

The number of new names registered during the year, 136, — being an increase of 25 over last year.

Thanks are due for contributions of books by Mr. George A. Plimpton, Mr. Washington Glover, and, as in previous years, the editors of the "Walpole Star" and "Dedham Transcript" have placed their papers for general reading in our Library. The "Council Fire" for the year has also been sent by Mr. John R. Morse, and Public Documents from the Hon. Theodore Lyman, for all of which the Trustees acknowledge their obligations.

The Trustees would urge the teachers of our schools to take out books, not only for use during school hours, but for the children to take to their homes, stimulating them, by their advice and assistance in choosing, to read the best that they can get, — as we take pains to put into the Library the best of children's books, both fiction and others.

As an appropriation for the coming year the Trustees recommend for the use of the Library — $300, besides the dog-tax.

For the Trustees,

ROBERT S. GRAY,
Chairman.

HENRY E. CRAIG, TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES.

IN ACCOUNT WITH WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1884. *Dr.*

January 1.	To balance from last report	$96 56	
	orders on Town Treasurer	619 69	
	cash received for fines, etc.	58 00	
			$774 25

Cr.

By paid for binding books .	$45 80	
" " books . .	416 77	
" librarian's salary to date . . .	150 00	
paid librarian extra .	18 43	
paid for transporting books to East Walpole . . .	26 00	
paid supplies . .	19 30	
paid catalogues . .	17 00	
paid express . .	6 80	
balance to new account	74 15	
		$774 25

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. CRAIG,
Treasurer of the Trustees.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1884.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

IN TOWN OF WALPOLE,

FOR

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1884.

Date of Births.		Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Jan.	2	Richard O. Ahern	Morris O. and Ellen.
	11	Ethel Jennie Nye	Holmes and Sarah J.
	16	Nellie May Barlow	Harry and Jennie E.
	24	Winifred Ryan	James and Winifred.
Feb.	1	Harry Elmer Nottage	Willard M. and Charlotte E.
	13	Annie Kazia Sheridan	Thomas and Annie Kazia.
	22	George Willard Robbins	Nelson A. and Rose.
	25	John Merrick Gray	Robert S. and Harriet F.
	29	Willard Lewis	Willard I. and Mary G.
March	6	Mary Ann Sline	Dennis and Nora.
	7	Edith Emma Spear	Edgar L. and Lucy L.
	12	Harry Lister Hartshorn	Thomas W. and Hattie F.
	13	David Laracy	Martin and Mary E.
	24	Leon Cobb	Nathan A. and Carrie A.
	27	Annie Sophia Richardson	George W. and Annie.
April	8	William Patrick Walsh	Joseph F. and Mary E.
	18	Ralph Edgar Allen	Edgar A. and Alice M.
	19	Bridget Downing	Michael and Mary.
	21	Minnie Louise Allen	Walter B. and Emma E.
	27	Emma Margaret Smith	David and Isabel H.
	30	Harry Granville Thomas	Granville and Annie.
May	5	Ellis Hatton Bacon	Herbert E. and Harriet B.
	9	Blanche Gertrude Loring	Oliver E. and Estella M.
	18	John Dalton	John and Ellen.
June	13	Annie Catharine Elizabeth Smith	Thomas M. and Eldora.
	20	James Edward Joyce	Edward F. and Mary A.
	26	Hattie Louise Shepard	Edward L. and Clymena G.
	29	Benjamin Garfield Scribner	Frank D. and Aurilla.
July	2	John Henry Kerby	Patrick H. and Julia.
	5	Arthur Loring Tisdale	Alfred B. and Susan A.
	11	Thomas William Kannaly	William J. and Mary M.
	14	John Francis McMannus	John and Mary E.
	20	Minnie Blanche Garby	John R. and Edna F.
	20	Arthur Higgins	Lafayette and Mary.
	23	Ethel Maud Currier	Charles H. and Minnie E.
	29	Madalene Lewis	Harrison N. and Georgie Nora.
Aug.	5	Florence May Briggs	Horace C. and Mary V.
	6	Eleanor Louise Gilmore	George A. and Marion E.
	16	William McNeil	Hector and Margaret.
	27	Lester Harold Hanscom	Charles and Mary A.
Sept.	6	Katie Ellen Sullivan	James and Annie.
	6	Bernard Winslow Fisher	Nathan W. and Alma V.
	12	Louie Alfred Willard	Daniel G. and Julia A.
	13	Edith Angie Allen	Gilman F. and Lydia J.
	18	Walter Joseph Cunningham	Michael and Mary A.
	26	Edwin Martin Everett	Edwin and Elizabeth F.
	28	Arthur Edgar Wood	William E. and Calista E.
Oct.	11	Michael Cullen	Patrick and Catharine.
	26	Joseph Downing	Michael and Mary.
Nov.	3	Ernest Henry Winslow	Nathaniel E. and Clara A.
	15	Edwin Francis Quinn	James J. and Catharine.
	16	Fannie Minerva Harris	George M. and Emma.
	21	Jennie Burns	Edward and Martha.
Dec.	5	Edmund Stanley Grover	Edmund and Isabella.
	13	John Frost Winchester	Charles T. and Hattie C. W.
	13	——— Morse	Lewis N. and Sarah E.
	15	Julian Oliver Engley	Anson F. and Clara A.
	18	John Philip Manning	James and Louisa M.
June	21	Mary Ellen Donahoe	James and Catharine.
Dec.	25	Edward Nugent	John and Mary.
May 26, '83		Minnie Etta Jennison	Frederick E. and Julia A.
June 2, '83		William Comins Tisdale	Alfred B. and Susan A.
July 4, '83		Joanna Delaney	Daniel and Joanna
Oct. 14, '83		John Colbert	Michael and Ellen.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1884.

Feb. 18. — Edward Burns and Martha Roy, both of Walpole.
" 20. — Thomas L. Haire, of Walpole, and Lilly J. Montague, of Boston.
March 6. — Preston B. Clarke, of Walpole, and Mabel Richards, of Sharon.
" 30. — Charles T. Winchester, of Walpole, and Hattie C. Billings, of Salem.
April 24. — John R. Hayes and Katie J. Murphy, both of Walpole.
May 18. — Cassius M. Gay and Mary V. Burke, both of Walpole.
" 22. — James Hennessey and Mary Kenney, both of Walpole.
" 28. — Charles A. Booth, of Walpole, and Adah I. Smith, of Dixon, Ill.
June 7. — Herman F. Morse and Louisa A. Morse, both of Foxboro'.
" 11. — Lyman Shaw, of Brockton, and Julia A. Coburn, of Walpole.
" 22. — Albert H. Mcears, of Boston, and Margaret S. Alderson, of Norfolk.
Aug. 7. — Emanuel Almedia and Anna Gummeson, both of Walpole.
" 24. — John B. Kennedy and Mary E. Shay, both of Walpole.
Sept. 3. — Amos Hamilton and Carrie L. Billings, both of Walpole.
" 11. — Warren Boyden, of Walpole, and Catharine A. Gammon, of Milton.
" 11. — John Donnell and Isabella R. Gray, both of Walpole.
Oct. 23. — John Herbert Allen, of Pueblo, Col. and Jennie Healy-Brummitt, of Walpole.
Nov. 6. — John Lahey and Catharine Kennedy, both of Walpole.
" 27. — John P. O'Brion and Mary S. Rooney, both of Walpole.
Dec. 9. — John L. Chandler, of Walpole, and Ida B. Foss, of Dover, N.H.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1884.

Date.		Names.	Cause of Death.	Ages.		
				Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	4	James Keefe	Railroad Accident	50		
"	7	Unnamed male	Still-born			
"	9	Lyman Morse	Paralysis	78	2	27
"	12	Sarah S. Bliss	Cancer	57	7	10
"	18	Anna L. Ellis	Consumption	26	8	11
"	21	James McCormack	Pneumonia	50		
"	29	John Reeves	Typhoid Pneumonia	43		
Feb.	5	Mary W. Floyd	Consumption	58	11	
March	3	Warren C. Manter	Consumption	49	9	15
"	10	Mason Pierce	Jaundice	73	3	
"	20	Albert Cutter	Paralysis	80	5	14
April	6	Edward C. Healey	Rheumatism of the Heart	65	3	6
"	6	Freeman O. Fisher	Consumption	30	1	18
"	12	Michael Welch	Railroad Accident	17		
"	16	Mary D. Lewis	Chronic Bronchitis	78	5	
"	18	James Lawrence Kenney	Disease of Brain	69	8	13
"	21	Elizabeth Keefe	Consumption	28		
"	23	Aaron Spear	Dropsy	73	9	24
"	24	Joseph Drugan	Old Age	78		
May	3	Warren Fairbanks	Old Age	82	8	
June	11	Ella M. Keyes	Consumption	34		29
"	22	Dwight W. Randlett	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis		11	4
"	25	David Erastus Metcalf	Drowning	64	5	
July	3	Eliza H. Fuller	Old Age	84	5	12
"	7	Frederick J. Pillot	Heart Disease	66		
Aug.	3	Georgiana Adelle	Consumption	37		18
"	19	Lewis C. Bullard	Internal Cancer	74	10	13
"	28	Elijah C. Bacon	Caused by a Fall	77	4	15
Sept.	6	Lena Frances Keyes	Cholera Infantum	1		17
"	6	Florence Putnam Carter	Water on the Brain		10	2
"	7	Mary Ann Hartshorn	Inflamma'n of the Cæcum	75	11	8
"	12	Harry W. Cashen	Enteritis		11	4
"	19	Hessey Ann Angus	Cancer of Uterus	50		
Oct.	10	Harry Barlow	Dysentery	57		
"	13	Dana Everett Stetson	Teething and Diarrhœa	1		7
"	21	Unnamed male	Still-born			
"	21	Unnamed male	Still-born			
Nov.	1	Unnamed female	Still-born			
"	15	Lucy Ann Smith	Paralysis	70	8	5
"	18	Sarah S. Raymond	Senile Gangrene	73	8	18
"	24	Melinda Gilbert	Typhoid Fever	76	10	2
"	24	Jane McCaw	Phthisis	66		
"	26	Mabel S. Power	Consumption	13	5	14
"	26	Tillotson H. Hall	Cancer of Liver	72	1	16
"	26	Unnamed male	Still-born			
Dec.	2	John Meanix	Consumption	54	1	
"	5	Sarah W. Smith	Cancer of Stomach	61	9	11
"	21	William S. Gay	Old Age, Heart Complaint	80	1	13
"	22	Mary W. Hutchinson	Consumption	67	9	8
"	29	Julian Oliver Engley	Hemorrhage			14

Whole number of births 64

" " " marriages 20

" " " deaths 50

GEORGE P. MOREY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

(*As far as completed, Feb.* 7, 1885.)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Walpole, in said County,

GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Walpole, on Monday the second day of March next, at half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the Annual Reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To determine the methods of repairing the highways, town-ways, and bridges, during the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To see how the town will vote on the following question: —

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The check-list shall be used, and the vote shall be by separate ballot, and ballots shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question.

Article 6. To see if the town will approve of the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted as required by law.

Article 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the engineers and members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the town will appoint, or instruct the Selectmen to appoint, special police-officers to enforce all laws bearing upon the sale of intoxicating liquors, and appropriate money therefor.

Article 9. To make appropriations of such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town not otherwise provided for, the ensuing year.

Article 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to fix the time within which taxes assessed therein shall be paid. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before that date, and what interest shall be charged on any taxes remaining unpaid at that date.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector, in collecting taxes, to use all means which the Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor; and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to sell their meadow land in the town of Norfolk, and authorize the Treasurer to execute a deed of the same.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, choosing Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, for one, two, and three years.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to pay Edmund

Polleys thirty-four dollars and ninety cents, paid by him on account of F. W. Wentworth's taxes for 1883.

ARTICLE 17. To hear and act upon the report of any committee, and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

GEORGE E. CRAIG,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
JULIUS GUILD,
} *Selectmen of Walpole.*

WALPOLE, Feb. 7, 1885.

REPORT

OF THE

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

COMMITTEE:

S. E. STONE,
M. H. PIPER,
R. S. GRAY,
N. W. FISHER,
W. I. LEWIS,
J. H. WEEKS.

REPORT.

The town, at its last annual meeting, elected two new members to the Board of School Committee, D. E. Metcalf and M. H. Piper. An organization was effected, with Mr. Metcalf as Chairman, and Mr. Piper as Secretary.

The four old members soon after resigned, and, in a joint convention of the Selectmen and remaining members of the School Committee, the following-named persons were elected to fill the vacancies: S. E. Stone, N. W. Fisher, W. I. Lewis, J. H. Weeks.

The death of Mr. Metcalf, in June, occasioned another vacancy, which was filled by the election of R. S. Gray. Mr. Weeks was elected chairman.

DAVID E. METCALF.

Your Committee desire here to express their appreciation of their late chairman.

In the short period of our association with him we found him thoroughly interested in all things connected with the good of the schools, always ready to aid the other members of the Board, and prompt in fulfilling the duties of his department.

Mr. Metcalf has served the town many terms as a member of the School Board, and no one was better acquainted with the school history of Walpole. That he was willing, after his long service, and after all the changes in methods, and in public opinion, to serve this year, furnishes us some idea of his character.

It is only when such men drop out of the ranks of public servants that we recognize, fully, our obligations to them.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

It is the opinion of the Committee that, under the present arrangement, by which the schools come under the care of several persons, they cannot be made to accomplish so much as when one competent person has entire supervision. This person's profession should be that of School Superintendent. No other work should interfere with it. No one else can properly fulfil the duties devolving upon School Committees.

This question of school superintendency is being discussed by the people of neighboring towns.

We could easily unite with Norwood in the support of a Superintendent. The School Board would be cut down, but it would be more effective; while in a very short time we should perceive the good results of the change.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The loss, by fire, Dec. 19th, of the Centre School-house, imposed on the Committee the duty of providing accommodation for one hundred and eighty-one pupils, which was accomplished as follows: Mr. Holmes' and Miss Bird's schools — the First and Second Grammar — were combined, and Miss Boyden's and Miss Battles' Second and Third Primaries were similarly treated, — all occupying the rooms at the Village School-house. Arrangements were made with the Methodist Society and the trustees of the Fales estate, by which room was secured for Miss Adams' school, the First Primary. The lower Town Hall has been fitted up for the High School. This was accomplished before the opening of the winter term, so that no delay or interruption was occasioned to the regular school work. Four of the schools are some-

what crowded, under this plan, but they can be carried on as they are, till proper accommodation is furnished by the town.

In rebuilding, it is the opinion of the Committee, that all these schools should be provided for in one building.

Sufficient furniture and apparatus for the present urgent need of these schools has been procured.

The East, West, and Village school-houses are in fair condition. At the North, the recitation-room will need repairs this season, and the South School-house is in such condition as to require quite an outlay soon.

CHANGE IN TEXT-BOOKS.

An examination of the text-books in use showed no complete uniformity for schools of the same grade.

Where we could, consistently with our ideas, we retained certain books as standard ones. We introduced others, and thus formed a complete list.

By putting the same text-books in all schools of one grade we hope to make the work done the same, or nearly the same, in quality and amount.

In this we do not recognize the equality of schools of the same grade, for we have found that some are far behind others; and considerable time must pass before the schools, *nominally* of the same grade, shall be so in reality.

The present arrangement will make it possible, after a while, for one school, in its work, to represent all of the same grade.

By this, also, the work of preparing lists of questions for the entrance examinations for the High School will be made easier.

We adopted as standard text-books the following: for the Primary and Grammar Schools, Monroe's Readers, Worcester's Spelling-books, Franklin Arithmetics, Reed and Kellogg Grammars, Warren's Geographies, Scudder's History, the Graphic system of Penmanship; for the High School, Mon-

roe's Reader, Dana's Geology, Quackenbos' Philosophy, Franklin Arithmetic, Greenleaf's Algebra, Reed and Kellogg Grammar, Warren's Physical Geography, Harkness' Latin.

We were surprised to find so few good spellers among the pupils of the various schools. The written method of spelling prevailed. We determined, as there were no spelling-books in use in the schools, to introduce one at once. We selected Worcester's, and we require spelling from this book once a day, the written and oral methods alternating. Many towns and cities, including Boston, have found the written method alone not productive of the best results, and they have introduced the book now in use in our schools.

Monroe's First Steps in Spelling is in use in the First Primary School of the Centre, and it will be given other schools where the classes correspond to those in the school mentioned. So far, we have adopted, for supplementary reading in the Primary Schools, Barnes' series.

We found two histories in use, the Eclectic and Higginson's. We threw these out, and introduced everywhere the new, and, as we think, the better, — Scudder's. The new system of penmanship is superior, in all respects, to the one that has been in use.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

By Act of the Legislature of 1884, all cities and towns are required to furnish, free of cost, to the pupils in the common schools, all necessary text-books and supplies. The books are loaned to the pupils, who, with their parents or guardians, are responsible for their appearance and safety. It is expected, as these books are to be used by successive classes of children, that parents and guardians will aid the Committee in impressing children with the necessity of keeping in good condition the books thus loaned.

The expense to the town this year, by reason of the law, may seem, to many, large. But it must be remembered that

the supply now on hand will make any great outlay for a year or two unnecessary. The appropriation made last year for incidentals was insufficient, of course, because made before this Act of the Legislature.

DRAWING.

We have given no attention to this department. The stock of books is exhausted, and we did not feel justified in practically wasting the money of the town by new purchases. It is hard to see where the pupils benefited by the system that had been adopted here.

Besides, until the pupils did better work in their ordinary studies, we did not recognize the propriety of introducing an extra department.

BUBBLING BROOK.

We found eleven Walpole pupils here. The teacher, Miss Colburn, has occupied this position for several years. We were pleased with the appearance of things; the careful supervision of the Dedham Committee being evident. Some features of the system in use here might well be introduced into our own.

The first class in Geography was in advance of any in our Grammar Schools. The reading was particularly intelligent.

The interests of our children in that part of the town are in good hands.

NORTH SCHOOL.

The condition of this school was unsatisfactory. Both as to the behavior of pupils and the quality and amount of work done, it ranked low. A certain lawlessness and lack of ambition characterized some of the pupils.

This lawlessness expressed itself in attacks upon the school building, which is much defaced, and in an unwillingness to obey the reasonable requirements of the teacher. During

several visits to this school, your Committee did not find one recitation satisfactory. This state of things was not owing to any inefficiency of the teacher. The causes lay further back.

Mr. William A. Guild was then in charge as teacher. He worked faithfully, we think, to effect an improvement; and we were able to tell him, after several weeks, that there was an advance.

Mr. Guild presented his resignation at the close of the first week of the fall term, in order to accept a position elsewhere. So far as we knew, there was no understanding with him, when engaged here, to the effect that he should have leave to accept another position at any time; but we accepted his resignation at once, — feeling that his services would not be especially valuable if we held him against his desire. We have not made it a condition, when engaging a teacher, that he shall not leave before the close of the term; but we believe it will be for the best interests of the schools if future committees make such a condition.

Mr. F. H. Pease was secured to succeed Mr. Guild. Mr. Pease has seemed to have a better appreciation of the situation than Mr. Guild, being better fitted, by reason of more extended training and natural force, to develop the school as the Committee desire.

The number of pupils in this school had so increased that the Committee felt justified in engaging as assistant Miss Ella Hartshorn. Before this the younger children had received insufficient attention, which may account, in large part, for the lack of interest as they grew older.

The results, of late, have been encouraging. Much better order prevails in the school-room. Mr. Pease has devoted himself to the proper Grammar-School work, while parents and Committee have observed the rapid improvement of the younger pupils. The most notable result of the present arrangement is the advance made by some children once considered dull and slow.

Miss Hartshorn has followed the methods in use in the best Primary Schools of the town.

No public examination of this school was held, owing to the prevalence of sickness, that almost necessitated the closing of the school. This school contributed no members to the class entering the High School.

EAST WALPOLE.

It is to be regretted that the number of pupils attending the schools here seems to be diminishing rather than increasing, for here we have two good teachers devoted to their work, and who have been in their places long enough to gain the respect of their pupils and to impress them with their methods.

The Grammar School furnished nearly half the members of the class entering the High School. Two of them were the only ones to pass, successfully, the first examination for admission.

Mr. Chace has given satisfaction to parents and Committee, and may well take satisfaction in the results of his work.

The annual examination passed off very creditably. The best spellers were in this school.

A higher average in Arithmetic was attained here, though it is but fair to state that this was the result of a longer drilling than the pupils in the other schools had had.

We have been obliged, however, to check a lawlessness, that has been displayed, not so much inside the building and during school hours, as outside.

It is difficult, also, to trace the perpetrators when the school property has been injured.

The Primary School is in charge of Miss Everett. We have found but little occasion for suggestion or change. The results of the instruction seem more unequal here, however, than anywhere else, the pupils differing so as to natural ability. Some are exceptionally bright and quick, others

very slow. The examination passed off fairly well, the difference just mentioned showing itself as in the ordinary recitations.

SOUTH WALPOLE.

The number of pupils in both schools is smaller than at the beginning of the year. The reason for the decrease is found in the removal of several families from this part of the town. Ten children left the schools during the fall term.

The Grammar School was in charge of Mr. E. P. Boyden. Mr. Boyden had been called suddenly to fill the place, for a term, of a teacher who had resigned to accept another position. We extended Mr. Boyden's time to the end of the school year.

The pleasantest relations existed between teacher and pupils; but the school was not satisfactory in all respects. A free-and-easy air had been adopted by the pupils. There was a lack of discipline, while the recitations showed insufficient study.

Miss M. Sylvester took charge at the beginning of the fall term. We believed it to be best for a school so situated to have, as teacher, a stranger, who would not be hampered by local prejudice or sympathy. The difficulties in the way of Miss Sylvester have not been entirely overcome. There is yet too little ambition, while the manners of many of the pupils are rude. We have been obliged to exert our authority, in several instances, to correct roughness and maintain discipline.

But we are able to state that better work than formerly is being done. Not so much wild guessing characterizes recitations; while the progress of several pupils has been particularly pleasing.

Less ground was covered by this school the past year than by any other; but there is no reason why, with the books

and methods now adopted, it should not be, by and by, one of the best schools in town.

The Primary School was taught by Miss Annie Bird. We were much pleased with her methods and their results. It was impossible not to notice the contrast between the industry and interest of her pupils, and the strange indifference to study noticed in the Grammar School. We take this opportunity to remark that, quite generally in the town, the pupils, in passing from the Primary to the Grammar Schools, have lost much of their ambition. This may be due to the too great difference in method. But how to extend the Primary methods, now so successful, to the Grammar Schools, is a subject that our successors may well consider.

The examination of Miss Bird's school demonstrated her ability as a teacher, and pleased the Committee and parents present. The vacancy caused by the transfer of Miss Bird to a larger school has been filled by Miss Lizzie Bird, who had not taught before, but who has succeeded in keeping up the standards established by her sister. Her manner is pleasant, and the children in her charge are bright and evidently happy.

We can commend her for her work thus far.

WEST WALPOLE.

The school here is still in charge of Miss Stanley. We congratulate the people of that part of the town on having so worthy a teacher. Very few teachers would be willing to remain in a school so small and remote from the Centre. Always cheerful and interested, Miss Stanley makes the most of her rather discouraging field. The number of pupils here has not varied much within the year. The order is good; the recitations are fair.

This school contributed three members to the High School this year. In justice to their teacher we must say their suc-

cess was largely due to her zeal. The studious habits, formed with her, manifest themselves in the higher school.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

The three Primary Schools here were all in admirable condition at the close of the fall term. We were not afraid to compare them with schools of the same grade in any town in the State.

The changes made necessary by the burning of the building which they had occupied, interfered less with their work than we had feared. At the regular time for opening the winter term they were gathered in their new quarters; and, though we cannot fairly expect as much from them as in the old quarters, we are sure that, with the same teachers, they will still be a credit to the town.

The action of the Committee of last year, in placing Miss L. F. Adams in charge of the First Primary, has been justified by its present condition.

We have noted the remarkable interest manifested by the children in their studies, notably Arithmetic; the study that, in some of our schools, seems most distasteful and difficult, here seems a favorite.

We remark, also, the steady attendance. And, while the average is reduced by the irregularity of a few, most of the pupils are sure to be in their places at every session.

Miss Adams was called to succeed Miss Ambrose, a favorite with parents and children, and who had been a successful teacher. This, naturally, made her work, at first, hard, for comparisons were constantly being made to her disadvantage. But she is triumphing over that hindrance, as also over her lack of special training, having been engaged immediately after her graduation from the High School.

Miss Adams has erred on the side of over-anxiety, rather than of assurance, exacting, perhaps, too much from her

pupils, but always helpful, and, certainly, in thorough earnest. We considered the results of the examination very creditable. A large class was promoted from this to the Second Grammar School.

The Second Primary School is still in charge of Miss A. L. Boyden, who, having established a reputation for ability, easily preserves it. We cannot too much commend her manner and method.

The number of pupils in this school had so increased during the summer term that all the pupils could not be provided for comfortably. We determined to create another school, by removing the youngest children to the room under the High School, appointing as teacher Miss Battles, who had acted as assistant to Miss Boyden. This change made it possible for Miss Boyden to develop better her own method, while the pupils remaining in her charge could receive her whole attention with increasing benefit to themselves.

We gave to the new school the name Third Primary. From the start the number of pupils was large, there being over fifty enrolled. In some respects this was the most interesting school in the town. Of course, attendance at this school is more variable than at the others, the children being so young that a severe storm, or extreme cold, will prevent them. The change of room necessitated by the fire has resulted in a reduced attendance. Miss Battles has seemed the right person for the place. As assistant to Miss Boyden she did not have the opportunity for fully manifesting her ability. Being put in charge of a large school, she has done well, preserving in another, but equally good sense, her relation as assistant, by fitting her pupils to take their places easily in Miss Boyden's school.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Considering the large number of pupils in the Centre Primary and Second Grammar schools, the small number attending here is surprising and unaccountable to many of us. But we must remember that many of the pupils in the Second Grammar School, after completing the course there, are removed by their parents and put to work in the mills and elsewhere. There is thus cut off from this school a part of its natural supply. The work of the two Grammar-School teachers is made decidedly unequal, by reason of this difference in the number of pupils.

This school is a comparatively easy one to the teacher. But we cannot regard its present condition as entirely creditable to its advantages. It stands for the completion of the full Primary School system, in the centre of the town, where there need be no break in that system.

The movement of the school is sluggish; there is no animation, no *snap*. Mr. E. H. Holmes is in charge, and it is but fair to state that, previous to his coming, the standards set in the school were decidedly low. It cannot recover all at once from the effects of a past defective and loose administration.

Spelling in this school has not, until recently, and since the introduction of the spelling-book, received the attention that so important a study should. The custom had been to depend quite exclusively upon the written method, and to class spelling with writing and drawing, giving a short time to it on two or three days only of the week.

The reading in this school is unintelligent and mechanical; the Primary Schools excelling it in this respect.

In arithmetic, last year, not so much ground was covered as schools of this grade usually do cover; while the class that, at the end of the year, is supposed to be ready for the High School, was, as a whole, not qualified.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

This is a large school, and, in some respects, difficult for any teacher. The difference in ability of the pupils is very marked, while a stricter discipline than in some other schools has to be maintained.

The singular lack of animation and interest, observed elsewhere among pupils who had been advanced from the Primary grade, characterized this school. The pupils recited as if they had found study irksome, and therefore did not impress pleasantly a visitor. Miss L. B. Blake was in charge until the close of the school year, when she accepted a position in Arlington. Her method was not a development of that in the Primary Schools, and that fact may account, somewhat, for the change in the pupils coming from those schools.

During the summer term, however, we noticed an improvement in interest and manner of reciting, and at the examination the various classes made quite creditable recitations.

Miss Annie Bird was appointed teacher, and began her work with the present school year. We hoped, in transferring this teacher from another part of the town, that, having been so long in the Primary schools, and acquainted with the method there, she would extend that method to the higher school. From present indications our expectations will be realized.

HIGH SCHOOL.

We regret that our report of this school, for the earlier portion of the year, can contain nothing favorable. *Nominally* at the head of the schools, it was, really, in many respects, behind them all.

On our first official visit the school was in the midst of what purported to be "general exercises." No reader or speaker received any correction or criticism, although

errors were many and palpable, while the pupils, generally, followed each exercise with loud and mechanical hand-clapping; thus making a burlesque of the exercises. Many, when called upon, excused themselves, giving no reason.

It seemed to us that the teacher, with all his evident good intention, was powerless to check disorder or to exact a recitation. The pupils recognized no authority but their own. In all the classes reciting, during our several visits, the majority of the members failed or excused themselves; and this, we learned, was the rule.

Thus, in a class of seven but two attempted to recite; one member announcing coolly to the teacher that he had concluded to spend his time on something else. In one case of the failure of most of the members of a class, without reason, instead of insisting upon a better recitation, or even reprimanding them, the teacher translated every sentence for them.

It was the custom of this school to delay coming to order long after the bell had struck, and the other schools in the building had settled to quiet and work. The din and confusion meanwhile were a source of serious annoyance to the other schools. Complaint from other teachers was frequent. Everything in the school-room bore marks of the destructive habits of some pupils.

Your Committee looked into the room once after a vigorous snowballing had been indulged in by the pupils, and its appearance may easily be imagined.

Four members of the Committee were present at the annual examination.

The examination in mathematics was by drawn slips, each of which contained a problem. These problems were all taken from work the classes had, presumably, done during the year.

One of the pupils informed the teacher that he could not perform the problem drawn by him. He was told to draw

until he could find one. We noticed that he drew three times, and that others, also, availed themselves of this extraordinary privilege. Could anything be more absurd?

On questioning the class in English Literature, we found that the members had been posted on biographies of certain writers, but had read nothing, or almost nothing, of their works, and were profoundly ignorant of the biographies or works of writers as eminent as those who figured in the sketches they had given.

To the demand "Give the names of eminent American writers, living and dead," no answer at first was returned. Nor could the class satisfactorily answer.

We were assured by the teacher that the class in Physical Geography had carefully reviewed the ground gone over during the term; but the results of the examination could not have been worse if the class had not been reviewed at all. We had no occasion to question this class, the failure was so complete.

A better impression was made by the classes in Latin, although the suspicion that the very free translation of some of the passages was not the fruit of personal study has been proved well founded.

A small class graduated in June.

The lists of questions for the first entrance examination were made by Mr. Bailey, the second by the Committee. It was the intention of the Committee to prepare the first lists, but Mr. Bailey had already advanced in the matter, and he was permitted to finish, with this understanding, that the questions should be based on the actual work done in the schools, and that no "catch" questions should be admitted.

Although most of the pupils admitted this year to the High School failed to pass on the first examination, their record, since their admission, has been, generally, excellent.

Mr. L. N. Cummings was called from Uxbridge, where he had taught seven years, to take charge of the school. The

success of the school since his coming has been pronounced. We did not dare hope for such a transformation. In behavior the pupils have greatly improved. They are no longer found upon the street during recitation hours. In the school-room they are quiet and studious, while some of the recitations now are really fine.

A new start has been given this school. It is responding, as we felt sure it would, to the earnestness of a thorough teacher. There is as good material here as in any high school. Now that a satisfactory teacher is secured, we should keep him, if possible.

S. E. STONE,
M. H. PIPER,
R. S. GRAY,
N. W. FISHER,
W. I. LEWIS,
J. H. WEEKS.

STATISTICS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WALPOLE FOR 1884.

Schools.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average No. in Attendance.			Time in Months.			Teachers' Wages Per Month.		
	Winter Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.
High School	Mr. S. E. Bailey .	Mr. S. E. Bailey .	Mr. L. N. Cummings	33	B	34	30.6	B	31.2	3¾	3	4	$90.00	$90.00	$90.00
1st Cen. Grammar .	Mr. E. H. Holmes	Mr. E. H. Holmes	Mr. E. H. Holmes	36	30	32	30.2	25.3	29	3¾	3	4	51.28	51.28	44.00
2d " " .	Miss E. B. Blake .	Miss E. B. Blake .	Miss A. L. Bird .	50	42	45	38.7	36.7	39.4	4	3	4	40.00	40.00	40.00
East Grammar . .	Mr. C. W. Chase .	Mr. C. W. Chase .	Mr. C. W. Chase .	28	28	25	23	20	22	3¾	3	4	40.00	40.00	44.00
South Grammar . .	Mr. E. P. Boyden	Mr. E. P. Boyden	Miss M. Sylvester	26	24	30	22.1	20.3	23.9	3¾	3	4	40.00	40.00	44.00
1st Cen. Primary .	Miss L. F. Adams	Miss L. F. Adams	Miss L. F. Adams	51	45	47	38.5	B	B	3¾	3	4	32.00	32.00	32.00
2d " "	Miss A. L. Boyden *Miss Jennie Brummitt, asst. . . . . Miss S. L. Battles .	Miss A. L. Boyden Miss S. L. Battles	Miss A. L. Boyden	81	105	48	55.3	71.2	38.6	3¾	3	4	40.00 24.00	40.00 24.00	40.00
3d " " .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Miss S. L. Battles	. .	. .	56	. .	. .	40.3	. .	. .	4	. . . . .	. . . . .	28.00
East Primary . . .	Miss S. F. Everett	Miss S. F. Everett	Miss S. F. Everett	20	22	19	14.4	14.3	15	3	3	4	28.00	28.00	28.00
South Primary . .	Miss A. L. Bird .	Miss A. L. Bird .	Miss L. P. Bird .	31	32	24	20.3	24	17.8	3¾	3	4	24.00	24.00	24.00
North Mixed . . .	Miss E. B. Rogers	Mr. Wm. A. Guild	Mr. F. H. Pease . Miss E. Hartshorn, asst.	41	42	50	29	30.6	44	3¾	3	4	40.00	40.00	44.00 24.00
West Mixed	Miss H. R. Stanley	Miss H. R. Stanley	Miss H. R. Stanley	20	18	16	14.4	15.1	12.2	3½	3	4	32.00	32.00	32.00

B Records burned with the Centre School-house.
* Miss Brummitt taught three weeks and was succeeded by Miss Battles.